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**FOR KILLING EDWARD KUHN.**  
The Widow and Her Mother and Sons are Under Arrest.

On Sunday morning, June 10, 1894, Edward Kuhn, a wealthy young farmer, died suddenly near Shelbyville, Ind. The coroner held a post mortem at the request of the dead man's father, contrary to the wishes of the young widow and her aged mother and brother. This caused much talk in the neighborhood at the time and since. The post mortem revealed large quantities of strychnine in Kuhn's stomach, but the coroner was unable to locate the guilty persons. Michael Kuhn, father of the dead man, who is very wealthy, has been working on the case ever since. The grand jury, which convened three weeks ago, returned indictments against the dead man's widow, her mother, Elmina Midkiff, and her sons, Alvin and John Midkiff. The former three were placed under arrest last week and are now in custody. The officers failed to arrest John Midkiff, who, it is said, evaded them, and it is reported he said he will kill the first man who attempts his arrest.

**Trouble in a Seminary.**

Miss Mabel Bird, who ran away from Mount Holyoke college with Miss Alice Chesborough a week ago, is an adopted daughter of Dr. Albert G. Paine of 3964 Drexel boulevard, Chicago. Dr. Paine has gone to Mount Holyoke to try and adjust the escapade. The young ladies got into some trouble about matters of college discipline and ran away to Springfield, Mass., to confide their troubles to a Mr. Burnett, whom they both knew. Unable to persuade them to return to school, he sent them to the home of his aunt, Mrs. Ayers. Miss Chesborough got tired of the escapade first and went to her home. The school authorities got excited over the matter, and the story got into the papers. Then Burnett got scared and communicated with Dr. Paine.

**Pauline Markham in Want.**

Pauline Markham, the once dashing burlesquer, who made furor in the days when Lydia Thompson was queen of the burlesque, is in sore straits. She declares that she is in absolute



PAULINE MARKHAM.

want, and finds it impossible to get an engagement. When Miss Markham played Stalacta in the original "Black Crook" the country went wild over her beauty, and one famous writer and critic said she had the lost arms of the Venus Medici and her voice was vocal velvet. Then she never thought that the sun would cease to shine and neglected to provide for the disagreeable rainy day.

**Charged with Poisoning.**

Mme. Henri Joniaux, who is on trial in Antwerp on the charge of having murdered her brother, sister, and uncle in order to obtain the money for which their lives were insured, has indignantly repudiated the charge of poisoning and the suggestion that she had speculated on the death of her sister. She declared that her object in effecting insurance upon the life of brother, sister, and uncle was to obtain money to pay a secret debt of honor, amounting to 30,000 francs, that had been revealed to her by her mother on the latter's deathbed.

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**A LITTLE PAULINE.**

CHAINED TO A TRUNK AND BRUTALLY BEATEN.

REVOLTING CRUELTY TO A GIRL OF SEVEN.

A New York Stepmother Arrested for an Almost Incredible Crime—Pauline Suffered Like a Heroine of Victor Hugo's Tales.



AN ALMOST incredible story of cruelty to a child comes from New York city. It is heartrending in the extreme and causes us to wonder if this is the really the Nineteenth century. The case occupied the attention of the Yorkville police court judge the other morning. M. Benes of 1393 avenue A visited the Gerry society a few days before and told how Mrs. Anne Vnuk was maltreating her little step-daughter, Pauline Vnuk, 7 years old. According to his story the people in the building have been aroused for several months by the



neonizing screams of the little one. A committee called at the Vnuk apartments to remonstrate, but found the doors locked. Then the neighbors forced an entrance and were startled at what made their gaze. They saw Pauline chained to a heavy trunk. Stout wires had been twisted about her wrists and ankles and fastened so securely that it was necessary to cut them to release the child. The little one was in a most abject state. Her wrists and ankles were bruised and bleeding as a result of her struggles, for she had apparently been there for several hours alone, the rest of the family having gone out. She was shivering with cold and nearly famished. Not only was this the treatment received by the little one on Christmas day, but in the next room in plain sight of the martyr was a brilliantly decorated Christmas tree. The Gerry society took action in the matter and Agents Wilson and Denbert were sent to the home of the Vnuk to investigate. They ascertained that the family with the odd name consisted of Joseph, the father, a pearl button operator by occupation; Anne, the stepmother, and three small children besides Mamie. Mrs. Vnuk admitted that she "corrected" Pauline because of childish troubles, and that the neighbors, however, were eager to have their say. They told of a particular grudge that the stepmother bore to the little Pauline in particular, which resulted in perpetual beatings falling upon the frail form of the child. They said that the mother gave the child very little to eat and paid very little attention to her physical condition. They also swore that upon one occasion the woman put the child into a tub of ice cold water and held her down until she nearly perished. Apart from that, the child had trouble with her feet and was quite lame. When the agents saw the little one they found that she was suffering from chronic fright, and that she would not say a word in the presence of her stepmother. Accordingly Pauline was taken to the society's rooms. There she was washed, fed and comfortably clothed and then she turned out to be a very pretty child, with beautiful brown eyes, regular features and golden hair. The stepmother was arrested and arraigned in court, and the child appeared against her. On the side of the little one's head was a large discolored bump, which she said was the result of a kick. The mother was paroled, as she was nursing a six months old baby.

**SAYS SHE'S 300 YEARS OLD.**  
Unlike Most of Her Sex, This One is Proud of Her Years.

England has just taken captive a woman who, it is claimed, is 300 years old. She is Queen Majajie, the ruler of a tribe of Kaffirs, whose age is vouched for by the reputed traditions of her tribe, and who has been famous among the savages of southern Africa for her admitted great age. Generations have spoken of her as being blessed with the gift of perpetual life, and her fame has extended throughout the uncivilized regions as far north as Egypt.

While it is not for a moment to be believed that the woman could have reached this marvelous age, the English government admits that it has authoritatively traced the history of Queen Majajie's tribe back for 110 years, during which time it has been under her rule. Previous to that period no authentic records exist, but the traditions of the Kaffirs credit this queen with having reigned many generations before.

A missionary, Rev. Mr. Rutter, who has lived for twenty-five years among these savages, has informed the British government that his investigations satisfy him the queen has absolutely been the head of her tribe since 1785.

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and he could find no trace of any previous ruler. In fact, the legends of the people are identified entirely with the present queen and make no mention of any other head of their government.

The queen is described by Englishmen who have seen her as of light copper color, with a frizzy wool on her head. She wears a dress made of tiger skins, which has a large hood that usually covers her face.

There is a suggestion of "She" about this savage queen, for it has been said that she tribe that none should look at her face excepting her indunas and women. Her indunas are leaders of her army number ninety-two. The queen, or commander in chief, is, as he is a man of age, supposed to be in the neighborhood of 80. The other are between the ages of 3 and 40, and all of them have been prominent in savage warfare.

The three women are remarkable from the fact that they are freaks. One is exceedingly tall, another is unusually stout, and the third wears a long beard. These women occupy the position of advisers. They all live together in what is known as the Sacred Kraal, the queen occupying an apartment some thirty feet square, while the three women are in small rooms opening into this.

Around this kraal are numberless wooden images, representing every nation of Kaffirland and all sorts of animals. These images are beautifully and adroitly carved from wood. So numerous are these figures that they form a veritable forest about the kraal, and winding paths are made among them leading up to the entrance. The images are colored so that they approach very closely to the flesh tints of the different tribes, and they are made the natural height of the human beings represented.

Once a year the queen has been in the habit of personally supervising the slaughtering of 140 oxen, which ceremony constitutes one of the religious fetes of the people. Even upon this occasion she is not seen, for she is carried by the indunas in a covered chair to the place where the ceremony occurs. She also was required to go at stated periods to an enormous tree in the forest, which was known as the medicine tree, and there, with certain ceremonies, the health of her people was guaranteed for the time being.

The English general who took possession of the queen's capital and of her has permitted the members of her tribe to see her, and they come with the greatest curiosity and for many miles around to look upon the face of their ruler, one whom they have been taught all their lives to consider as a goddess. The English show her every attention, but it is feared she will not long survive.

**Here's a Good Sort of Club.**

A new thing in women's clubs has just been organized at Princeton, Maine. They call it the Snow Plow club, and its members are to hold teams, socials and fancy fairs during the winter with the object of raising funds to keep the sidewalks clear of snow.

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